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Dr. Jane E. Henney, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

A lawsuit has been filed that challenges the F. D. A.'s policy not to currently require labels on transgenic foods. I am writing to support the idea the F. D. A.'s policy should demand proper safety testing and full disclosure labeling. Such support for the law suit would not be a departure for the department but would actually follow through on the long standing protection we have come to expect as citizens.

As a citizen with many food allergies and food sensitivities, I cannot imagine what would happen to me if I could no longer depend on proper labeling of food additives so that I could monitor my food intake properly. In addition, in the case of genetically changed foods, testing of altered food sources requires sufficient time and sophistication to offer completely reliable results.

The current policy of not requiring labels on transgenic foods is unsound and potentially dangerous. Please support the lawsuit that that challenges the current policy of the F. D. A. in this important matter of public health, restoring confidence in our government's dedication to the protection of its citizens' health and well being.

Sincerely,



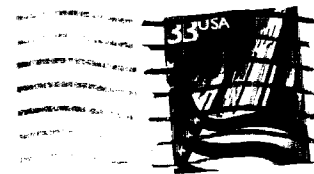
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